



# Newsletter



Indian River Detachment 058  
Marine Corps League

**Monthly Meeting: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**    **Next Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 1900**  
**Location: Victory Center, Indian River Mall, 6200 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 160**  
**Uniform of the Day: Casual with Cover.**

## January League Meeting:

District Vice Commandant Marcel Cartagena attended the meeting.

An officer nomination committee was established and Mike Bodnar, Paul Netzel and Dennis Caffrey are committee members. If you are interested in supporting the Detachment as an officer please contact Mike Bodnar.

Detachment members approved the membership of two active duty Marines and agreed to pay their dues. The new members are Ricardo Ortiz and Nicholas Morrow.

The Detachment also approved the expenditure of \$200.00 to assist a Detachment member who will attend the Leadership School at the Florida Spring Conference in April. Any members interested in attending the school should contact Ron Brooks for applications and information. Attendance and receipt of the certificate of completion will be required to qualify for the \$200.00 assistance.

The Detachment members expressed interest in organizing a competition Pistol Team. John Michael Mathews agreed to be the team leader and spearhead the setup of the team. Contact John Mathews if you are interested in participating.

## Information:

The Detachment's sponsored Basketball team with the County Recreation Department finished playing their scheduled games. The team name was Bull Dogs. Ron and Sue Brooks attended their last game and Commandant Brooks help present trophies to all the team members. The Detachment received a plaque with a picture of the team in appreciation for the Detachment's sponsorship.

The County Recreation Department will be forming a baseball competition for the spring and needs sponsors for the teams.

The Victory Store at the Mall is successful and making money. They need volunteers to assist so if you can help please visit the store and offer your help.

John Harris's son earned his army jump wings after successful completion of jump school on January 25. He is now

attending rigger school to complete his training for his MOS with the ANGLICO unit in West Palm Beach.

The Italian American Club provided a Salute to the Troops on February 16, 2013. The tribute featured the Letters from Home group who perform songs by the Andrew Sisters. Ron and Sue Brooks, Paul Netzel, and Dennis Caffrey operated a booth at the event. Mike Bodnar assisted. Dennis became a hit when he was invited on stage by the singers. The Detachment collected \$40 in donations for next year's scholarship fund.

## Sick and Distressed:

Doc Copeland                      Ken Dansby and Wife  
Tim McGarry and Wife

## Upcoming Events:

The nomination committee will present a slate of proposed officers for next fiscal year at the February meeting. The officers will be voted on in the March meeting.

## History:

On February 23, 1945, five United States Marines and a U.S. Navy corpsman raised the American flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. Of the six men, three (Franklin Sousley, Harlon Block, and Michael Strank) were killed during the battle; the three survivors (John Bradley, Rene Gagnon, and Ira Hayes) became celebrities. The photo taken of the event was later used by Felix de Weldon to sculpt the Marine Corps War Memorial, located adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery just outside Washington, D.C. The original mold is located on the Marine Military Academy grounds, a private college preparatory academy located in Harlingen, Texas.

Semper Fi

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